

AMENDMENT

Application #	10/698,034
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First Inventor	YVIN et al.
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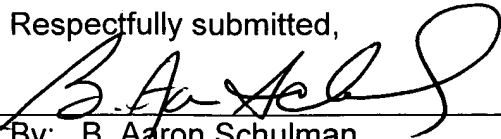
In response to the Official Action dated August 25, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment A**.
- **Remarks** are provided herewith in **Attachment B**.
- A **Declaration under Rule 132 of Vaclav Vetvicka** is also provided herewith along with a **Test Report and Figure 1**.

In view of the Amendments made herewith in conjunction with the recent Interview with the Examiner, Applicants submit that in light of the present amendment, the present application is now in condition for allowance for reasons as stated in the attached Remarks.

Respectfully submitted,

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